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SUBJ: DISCOVERY OF WRECKED U. S. AIRCRAFT

REF: CALCUTTA 0461

1. INFO REPORTED REFTEL(WHICH BEING REPEATED TO INFO ADDRESSES) STILL UNVERIFIED ALTHOUGH LATEST PRESS REPORTS TEND CONFIRM FINDING OF HUMAN REMAINS, PROBABLY AMERICAN, IN WRECKAGE. ACCORDING TODAY' S HINDUSTHAN STANDARD (HS) NAMES OF BROOKE MILLER AND WILLIAM J. KENNEDY WERE LEGIBLE ON PIECES OF CLOTHING OR EQUIPMENT.

2. CHIEF OF STAFF EASTERN COMMAND TELLS US THAT NO OFFICIAL REPRESENTATIVES HAVE YET REPORTED FROM REMOTE SITE WHERE WRECKAGE FOUND. HE HAS ONLY SKETCHY INFORMATION, BUT AT PRESENT TIME ONLY LJEPARED CONFIRM DISCOVERY OF WHAT APPEARS TO BE THREE SKELETONS, FOUR PISTOLS AND ONE ELGIN WATCH BEARING U. S. ARMY NUMBER. WRECKAGE SO FAR ONLY IDENTIFIED AS FOUR ENGINE U. S. MILITARY PLANE, TYPE UNKNOWN. HE COULD NOT SPECULATE ON WHEN WRECK OCCURRED. WE HAVE BEEN PROMISED FURTHER INFORMATION AS IT BECOMES AVAILABLE.

3. TELEPHONE INQUIRY WITH MANIPUR CHIEF SECRETARY IN IMPHAL, DISCLOSED THAT HE WAS ALSO STILL AWAITING ON- SITE OFFICIAL REPORT.
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INQUIRY WITH MEA REP. CALCUTTA ONLY EVOKED SUGGESTION THAT
EMBASSY SEEK INFORMATION FROM MINISTRY IN NEW DELHI.

4. INEVITABLY PRESS RUMOR MILL HAS STARTED BUZZING. HINDUSTHAN
STANDARD REPORT REFERRED TO ABOVE CONTAINS FOUR SPECULATIVE
THEORIES ABOUT ORIGIN OF PLANE: (A) REMNANT OF WORLD WAR II,
(B) VIETNAM CAUSUALTY, (C) " SOME RECONNAISSANCE MISSION," AND
(D) " TRANSPORTING ARMS AND AMMUNITION TO PAKISTANI ARMY
IN ERSTWHILE EAST PAKISTAN."
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